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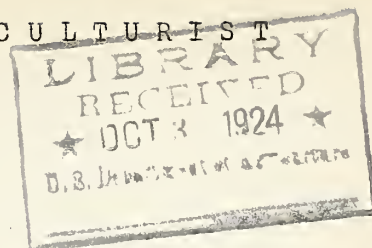
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\* What has Horticultural Extension Work done for \*  
\* the people who live on the farms of the United States? \*  
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\* Here are a few points, who will add others. \*  
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\* Thousands of home orchards have been planted and \*  
\* other thousands of neglected farm orchards renovated. \*  
\* Interest in the home vegetable garden has been \*  
\* revived and a greater variety of fresh foods provided \*  
\* for the use of the family. \*  
\* Spray rings have been organized to take care of \*  
\* disease and insect control in home orchards and spray \*  
\* service has been provided for the benefit of the com- \*  
\* mercial fruit grower. \*  
\* Fruit and vegetable grading and packing associ- \*  
\* ations have been organized and central packing houses \*  
\* established. \*  
\* Fruit and vegetable clubs have been organized \*  
\* and supervised in connection with the boys' and girls' \*  
\* club work. \*  
\* The surroundings of thousands of farm homes \*  
\* have been improved and beautified. \*  
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## ANNUAL CONVENTION

### Vegetable Growers Association of America, Inc.

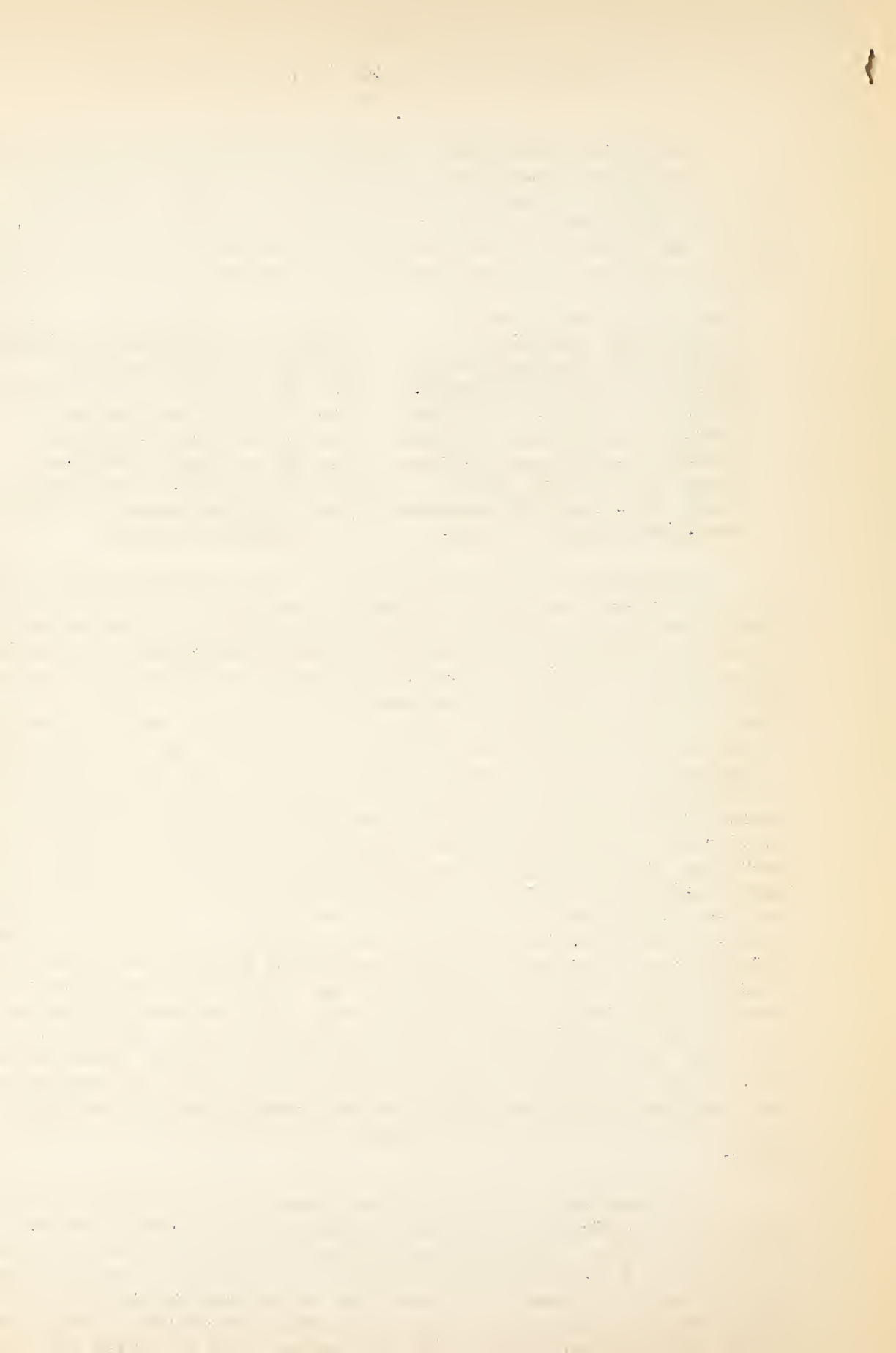
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From 300 to 400 vegetable growers from all parts of the country met in Louisville, Kentucky the 16th, 17th, and 18th of September for the Annual Convention of the Vegetable Growers Association of America. This number was augmented by several hundred local gardeners and visitors. Ohio won the banner for attendance of members and Indiana was second. Among the college, experiment station and extension men present were:

Dean Watts, Pennsylvania.	Prof. L. M. Montgomery, Ohio.
Dean Cooper, Kentucky.	Prof. A. H. McLennan, Guelph, Ontario.
Prof. A. G. Bouquet, Oregon.	Mr. E. M. Page, Missouri.
Prof. F. W. Geise, Maryland.	Mr. W. B. Nissley, Pennsylvania.
Prof. C. B. Sayre, Illinois.	Mr. H. D. Brown, Indiana.
Prof. T. C. Johnson, Virginia.	Mr. F. C. Gaylord, Indiana.
Prof. G. L. Tiebout, Louisiana.	Mr. W. E. Lommel, Indiana.
Prof. C. L. Fitch, Iowa.	Mr. B. Szymoniak, Louisiana.
Prof. W. T. Tapley, Pennsylvania.	Mr. F. O. Underwood, New York.
Prof. Paul Work, New York.	Mr. Gardner, Kentucky.

An informal meeting of the college and extension workers was held Wednesday evening the 17th following the banquet. At this meeting the question of how the college and extension men could aid the vegetable growers was discussed from several viewpoints, important among which were the question of securing dependable sources of supply of the more important vegetable seeds and the control of some of the newer insect pests that are invading the country. It was felt by those attending the meeting that the college and extension men could be of great help in organizing the vegetable growers locally and in supplying them with practical information. It was also the opinion of those attending the meeting that the various state and local organizations of vegetable growers might be used to much better advantage than at present, both in the conduct of investigational work and for the extension of results. Under the recently adopted plan of affiliated membership, whereby state and local organizations may become affiliated with the National Vegetable Growers Association, there would be an opportunity to spread extension practices to the entire affiliated membership through the state and local organizations. It was suggested that the Secretary of the Association should keep the college and extension men fully informed both as to the progress of the affiliation work in the various states and with regard to methods and practices that are ready for extension in the various sections of the country, also that the workers should in turn encourage the formation of local vegetable growers associations and keep the Secretary of the association advised as to the progress made in their states.

Last year the Vegetable Growers Association of America committed itself to a nation-wide campaign of advertising to promote the more general use of vegetables. This plan was adopted by a number of local associations, but for want of sufficient funds did not go very strong as a nation-wide proposition. This year the Association is undertaking the affiliated membership plan with a view to increasing the influence of the Association through a large indirect membership. The plan under which the state and local





organizations may affiliate with the National is by the payment of 25¢ into the National Association's treasury for each individual member of the state or local association with a minimum of \$10.00 from any one association. This gives the membership of the locals the benefit of any information sent out by the National Association and entitles the state or local association to representation at the annual convention in proportion to each \$2.00 paid into the treasury of the National Association. For example, if a state or local association has a membership of 200 and desires to affiliate, they would pay into the treasury of the National Association the sum of \$50.00 or 25¢ for each individual member. This would entitle their association to 25 votes in the meeting of the National Association.

In the general sessions of the Association, there were a number of live discussions of the problems confronting the vegetable growers of America today. The meetings were characterized by these discussions rather than by the reading of papers, as practically all papers that had been previously prepared were laid on the table, the speakers discussing their subjects without reference to the papers. This brought a hearty response and many questions from the audience, these questions invariably leading to statements of experiences on the part of the members themselves. Abstracts from some of the papers and discussions will be given in the "Extension Horticulturist" later as space will permit.

On the whole the meeting at Louisville was one of the best held by the Vegetable Growers Association of America in recent years. It is the plan to hold the 1925 convention at Providence, Rhode Island, and some point in the Middle West is being considered for the 1926 meeting place.

The officers of the Vegetable Growers Association of America, Inc., for the coming year are

President, W. H. Weinschenk  
New Castle, Pennsylvania.

Vice President, A. H. MacLennan,  
Guelph, Ontario.

Secretary, W. R. Beattie,  
Washington, D. C.

Treasurer, N. J. Cheney  
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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#### Committee on Relationship

At the Buffalo convention of the Vegetable Growers Association last year, President H. F. Thompson appointed a committee consisting of Mr. M. Ernest Moore, Arlington, Massachusetts, Mr. M. L. Ruetschik, Cleveland, Ohio, and Mr. Robert H. Garrahan, Kingston, Pennsylvania, to represent the Association relative to relationships with the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. This committee, however, did not get together until the time of the meeting.





this year in Louisville. Following the Louisville meeting the committee proceeded to Washington, D. C. and spent two days in visiting the various bureaus and offices of the Department in which work of interest and primary importance to the vegetable growers of America is being conducted. The committee found a number of projects under way, the development of which are of vital importance to the vegetable growers. One of the most important of these is the project on nematode control. Another line of work in which the committee was vitally interested was that of variety trials and the establishment of definite standards with regard to the varieties and strains of vegetables. The control of the Mexican bean beetle, European corn borer, Japanese beetle, and other insects of this character that are invading various parts of the country, was also given primary attention by the committee. It is expected that the committee in formulating its report to the Association will have some definite suggestions and recommendations to make relative to the future conduct of investigational work pertaining to vegetables.

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#### Varieties of Vegetables for Commercial Planting.

Perhaps some of the readers of the "Extension Horticulturist" are wondering what has become of the lists of varieties of fruits that they submitted to us. We have not yet heard from a number of the states and are holding the entire matter until a more complete report is received. In the meantime, we wish to start a similar classification of the varieties of vegetables with a view to ultimately limiting the number planted. This will make possible a more definite standardization of the products and reduce the multicplicity of the varieties and strains now being carried by the seed houses. In order to facilitate the listing of varieties, we are attaching blank forms to this number of the Horticulturist. These can simply be separated, the varieties filled in, preferably on the typewriter, and mailed to us. We trust that this method will make it easier for our readers to give us the information that we desire.

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Dr. L. C. Corbett, Head of the Horticultural work of the Bureau of Plant Industry, is on an extended trip to the Pacific Coast, visiting the branch stations and localities where special work in horticulture is being conducted.

Prof. C. P. Close will return to Washington about the 4th of October from his trip to the Pacific northwest.

Mr. W. R. Beattie attended the meeting of the Vegetable Growers Association of America, Inc., at Louisville, Kentucky, also made one short trip to the Eastern Shore of Maryland during September. He has a trip scheduled for the New England States for October and for the states of Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Indiana and Ohio during November.



Prof. Wm. Stuart, potato specialist of this Office, has just returned from Europe where he visited experimental work being conducted with potatoes at a number of places including the following:

The Rothamsted Station at Harpenden, England, also the test farm of Sutton & Sons at Reading, England. The Plant Registration and Testing Station of Scotland at East Craigs near Edinburgh, and the Plant Breeding Plots at Stormont Castle Farm, Belfast, Ireland were visited, as were the Pathological Research Station at Waggenigen, Holland, the School of Agriculture and Experiment Station at Grignon, France, and the Plant Breeding and Testing Grounds of Vilmorin-Andrieux et Cie, at Verrieres, France. At the last named place there is a collection of varieties of potatoes which was started in 1815, two of the original varieties of the collection as started are still being grown.

Prof. Stuart reports that the condition of the potato crop of the countries visited is not on the whole up to the average. Late blight is prevalent throughout Great Britain, especially in southern Ireland, also present in Holland and France. Spraying for the control of blight is not generally practiced in these countries, the growers preferring to lose an occasional crop rather than incur the expense and trouble incident to thorough spraying.

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W. R. Beattie,  
C. P. Close,

Extension Horticulturists.



Varieties of Vegetables Planted for the Market.  
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State\_\_\_\_\_

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Reported by \_\_\_\_\_

Asparagus,

Beans, green or snap,

dry or shell,

Lima beans,

Beets,

Cabbage, early,

late,

Carrots,

Cauliflower or Broccoli,

Celery,

Corn, for market,

for cannery,

Cucumbers, greenhouse or frame,

outdoor,

Eggplant,

Kale,

Lettuce, greenhouse or frame,

outdoor,



Onions,

Parsnips,

Peas, market

cannery,

Potatoes, early,

late,

Radishes,

Squashes, bush,

vine,

Sweet potatoes,

Tomatoes, greenhouse,

outdoor for market,

cannery,

Turnips,

Watermelons,



